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THANKSGIVING.

Although Thanksgiving Day
is a distinctly American holi-
day, the spirit of the day is not
original with us. It is thou-
sands of years old, or, perhaps
older than that, dating back to
the time when men first realiz-
ed that there was a great un-
seen force guiding their world
and making it a happy place to
live in.

It can be traced back through
the ages to the dwellers in Ca-
naan, from whom the Israelites
copied many of their customs.
Their Feast of the Tabernacles
was nothing more than a pro-
longed thank day, when the
people moved from their homes
into tents or booths, thus living
throughout the festival, in
memory of the forty years in
which their forefathers dwelt
in tents and wandered through
the wilderness with no settled
home.

The Harvest Festival of the
ancient Greeks was called the
Thesmophoria, the feast of
Demeter, the goddess of agri-
culture and goddess of the har-
vests. This was celebrated for
three days in the month of No-
vember in the city of Athens,
and was distinctly different
from similar festivals of other
nations in that it was celebrated
by the married women alone.

The Romans worshiped the
harvest deity under the name
of Ceres. Her festival, called
the Cerealia, occurred each year
October the fourth. Perhaps
it was the Romans who first
introduced sports in connection
with worship and feasting. Af-
ter a fast among the common
people and the sacrifice of the
first cuttings of the harvest,
there were rustic sports, fol-
lowed by the great feast of thanks-
giving.

In England the autumnal fes-
tival was called the Harvest
Home and is traced back to the
Saxons of the time of Egbert.

In Holland the day of all days
was celebrated in commemora-
tion of her deliverance from
the Spaniards. It is probably
the memory of this day that
gave impetus to the first
Thanksgiving Day celebrated
by our forefathers almost three
hundred years ago. For, as
we know, the Pilgrims lived in
the Dutch country ten years
between the time when relig-
ious persecution in England
compelled them to seek a new
home, and the landing of the
little Massachusetts colony in
1620.

Scarcely two hundred years
before this time, brave adven-
turers had sailed across the
seas westward and had found
a land of fabulous wealth, a
veritable fairy land. Wonder-
ful stories went the rounds of
the strange people who inhab-
ited it; tales of a river with the
miraculous power of giving im-
mortal life; and on one of its
shores were found flowers of
such rare beauty that it had
been called the land of flowers.

Thanksgiving, feasting, sport
—these three elements have

characterized the harvest festi-
vals of many nations. In our
American Thanksgiving Day
have been preserved these dis-
tinguishing features. Here pig-
skin and gridiron are insepar-
ably associated with the last
Thursday in November. Then,
to it, it is that the best vintners
alone contend us, and we are
satisfied in sharing only the
best with those less blessed.
And, as of old, the people ceas-
ing from their ordinary occupa-
tions, and with grateful hearts,
are accustomed to gathering
themselves together in places of
worship to offer praise to the
Lord of the Harvest. Thus we
celebrate this happy holiday.—
Christian Observer.

Do your shopping early,
should be your holiday motto.

It is reported that the Vir-
ginian railroad is buying rights
of way along the route recently
surveyed through by Falls Mills
for an extension of this road in-
to the Buchanan county coal
region, and possibly on into
Kentucky.

The plant of the Indiana
Steel company at Gary, Ind., is
to be enlarged at a cost of \$7,
500,000, according to an official
statement made public by
Chairman Elbert H. Gary of
the United States Steel corpora-
tion.

It is officially announced in
London that Winston Spencer
Churchill, chancellor of the
duchy of Lancaster, has resign-
ed from the cabinet and will
join the army in France. He
is a major in the Oxford New
martyr.

Secretary of State Lansing
confirmed at Washington press
reports that M. Deleval, counsel
of the American delegation at
Brussels, had been removed
from office as a result of a pro-
test by the German govern-
ment.

President Wilson and his ad-
visers at Washington, con-
template a special tax on munitions
manufactured for export to
raise funds for support of the
administration program for pre-
paredness, which is to cost \$1,
000,000,000.

United States Ambassador
Page has been instructed by
Washington to make a formal
request for information from
the Berlin government, relative
to the action of a British cruiser
in forcibly searching the Amer-
ican steamship Zeelandia,
while that ship was lying at
anchor in the Mexican harbor
at Progreso.

The merchants doing the
business in Big Stone Gap are
those who are going after it.
Letting the people know
through the columns of the
newspaper what they have to
offer. Advertising is no longer
an experiment—it is an abso-
lute necessity in all lines of
business. If you don't believe
advertising will help, just place
an ad in the Post.

The community Christmas
tree being gotten up by the
ladies of the Gap, assisted by

His Sixteen Years' Suffering Now Ended

"I can say with the greatest of
pleasure that Foley Kidney Pills were
the only thing that gave me relief
in sixteen years.
Mr. G. W. Henderson of Dingler,
Miss., says more than that. He
suffered with syphilis (contamination
of the blood). It went on until he
reached the point where he had dizzy,
weak spells, and sometimes he would
almost faint with pain. Of course,
he doctor'd, and tried the mineral
springs and drank waters of different
kinds, which altogether cost him a
large sum of money. Still no per-
manent relief. Now comes a friend
who recommends Foley Kidney Pills,
and after using half a dozen bottles,
his pains are all gone, he sleeps
soundly all night.
When kidney and bladder trouble
comes on you and you suffer the pain
and aches it causes, have irregular,
painful secretions, and a burning sen-
sation in the "Pain" where he had suffer-
ed, and you will echo Mr. Henderson's
sentiments.

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support of every one. Presents
will be provided for hundreds
of children, and the occasion
will no doubt be a memorable
one in this community. Mrs.
Hoff is training the children in
the different schools, and a
choir of hundreds of voices will
furnish music for the occasion.

Community Christmas Tree

The ladies of the community
Christmas Tree Committee are
meeting with much success in
their undertaking. The differ-
ent committees are hard at
work and a great deal has al-
ready been accomplished. Over
fifteen hundred children are ex-
pected to witness this beauti-
ful celebration of Christmas.
The tree will be planted in the
square near the Minor Building.
Electric lights and other deco-
rations will make it a brilliant
and beautiful sight. The ser-
vices will begin at six o'clock
on Christmas eve. Five hun-
dred children are being trained
by Mrs. Hoff and will do the
singing on that occasion. Each
child present will be given a
bag of candy and an orange.

It is the wish of the ladies to
raise three hundred dollars to
defray expense of the undertak-
ing, and while many have re-
sponded generously and prompt-
ly to their appeal for funds,
there are others to be heard
from. Let everybody help and
take a part in this beautiful
event. Small and larger con-
tributions will be most accept-
able. Those who have not
written their checks will please
do so and mail them to Mrs.
Everett Drennon, treasurer
of the committee in charge.

"Bill" Eads Is To Have One Of His Legs Cut Off.

"Bill" Eads, having suffered
many years from a lame leg,
has announced the suspension
of the publication of the Wise
News in order to go to Rich-
mond for hospital treatment.
He expects to have his diseased
limb amputated, if in the
opinion of the surgeons that is
his only hope.

Speaking of his plans, the
Richmond Times-Dispatch says:
"Bill" Eads, for many years
one of the most picturesque
geniuses in the newspaper field
in Virginia, is coming to Rich-
mond from Wise county, where
he edited and published the
Wise County News until the
first day of this month. His
health began to fail a year ago,
and shortly after he announced
his intention to suspend.

In his vaudeville in the final
issue publication of his paper
"Bill" Eads wrote: "The Wise
County News is dead, and the
editor will not be far behind."
His editorial column was
quaint, droll, witty and always
interesting to his readers. "Bill"
wrote his editorials sometimes
in verse and sometimes in prose.

A few days ago he wrote to a
friend in Richmond: "I am
coming there to have one of my

A WORD TO THE THRIFTY

A feast of good things awaits you at our
store and there are exceptional bargains in some
of our lines just at the time when they are most
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festivities begins and you want to be prepared to
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and relatives visit you.

Don't let another day pass without visiting
our store.

Fuller Brothers Appalachia, Va.

legs lopped off. It has been
giving me trouble."

The philosopher, poet, hum-
orist and journalist of Wise
county is expected here early
next week. The affected limb
will be amputated by Dr.
George Ben Johnston.—Bristol
Herald Courier.

Thanksgiving Service.

Union Thanksgiving services
will be held at Trinity Metho-
dist Church Thursday morning
at 11 o'clock. The sermon will
be preached by Rev. J. B.
Craft, pastor of the Baptist
Church. An offering will be
taken and turned over to the
Associated Charities. All the
people of the community are
cordially invited.

W. N. WAGNER.

Identifying The Dead.

When a German soldier falls
in battle he is identified by a
little metal disc which he car-
ries. This disc bears a num-
ber, and this number is tele-
graphed to Berlin. There the
soldier's name is determined.
This system is as effective as
anything else connected with
the German army. The British
use an aluminum disc that con-
tains, besides marks of identifi-
cation, the soldier's church af-
filiation. The Japanese system
is similar, each soldier wearing
three discs—one around his
neck, another on his belt and
the third in his boot. The
Russians wear a numbered
badge, which at the same time
serves as a charm, being for-
mally blessed by the priests.
The United States army uses a
cloth tag woven into the shoul-
der strap of the tunic. The French
use identification cards stich-
ed inside the tunic. The French
once made use of metal iden-
tification badges, but these

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30th and December 1st. A
most interesting program has
been arranged.

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